

		Points	
		Max	Mark
1	<b>General Tidiness &amp; Appearance</b> Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	50	48
2	<b>Community Facilities</b> Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	50	48
3	<b>Gardens &amp; Community Areas</b> Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	67
4	<b>Other community features</b> Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	30	29
<b>Total</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>192</b>

**Notes**

- (a) Absence of a feature listed in the marking sheet will not entail a loss of marks  
 (b) Natural and architectural beauty will not be taken into account

**General comments**

This is an attractive village, with good community planting and very good outdoor sports facilities.

Effective and colourful community planting can be found in various locations around the village. There is a well-planted circular flowerbed at the junction of Vinehall Road and The Nooking, and good planted baskets can be found attached to the village signs on roads leading into the village. The Pinfold had good wall baskets and there was colourful planting around the war memorial. There were also flowerbeds at Lowcroft Avenue and at the junction of Haxe Lane and Low Street. The planting in the large black planter on The Nooking had unfortunately obscured part of the village sign behind.

It was good to see some excellent planting outside the Loco and some colourful hanging baskets outside the Methodist Chapel.

A significant feature of the village is the care and attention given to their gardens by local residents. Lovely floral displays and planting was found around the village, with particularly good examples at 12 and 28 High Street, 13-15 Church Street, 21,31 and 45 The Nooking, 2 Holme Dean, 6 and 8 Hunter's Croft, 14 Sadler's Way, 11, 20B, 20C and 20D Blackmoor Road, 7 and 10 Mowbray Close, 5 and 17 Hallcroft Road, 5 and 9 Ash Tree Drive, 1 and 3 Lowcroft Avenue, 1, 12a and 14 Lowcroft Meadows, 2, 22, 30 and 36 Haxe Lane, 1 Haxe Grange, 10 Reaper's Way, 6 and 7 Hopgarth and a magnificent display at 39 Low Street.

There is an excellent playing field, with an adjacent bowls club and tennis club. Unfortunately, the playground in the north west corner of the field needed some attention and clearing of litter. There was a marked absence of litter in other parts of the village.

The church and churchyard are very attractive features of the village.

**Individual Category Entries:**

HAXEY has also entered the individual categories ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
✓	<b>Playground</b> - Haxey Lane	50	43	The playground needs some attention and there was a considerable amount of litter strewn around the site, despite the good provision of litter bins. The area under the excellent climbing frame was full of weeds and looked very untidy. More worryingly, some of the wooden edging board had broken off and there were screws protruding dangerously, as well as splintered wood on the ground. The small play area had some litter and the fence needed painting.
✓	<b>Churchyard</b> - Church Street	50	48	This is an attractive churchyard, with lovely mature trees. The grass across the site was recently cut and very tidy. Although there were some graves that were overgrown with ivy and weeds, the grass around the graves was mostly well-trimmed. The lower part of the churchyard is very smart and well-maintained.
✓	<b>Community planting scheme</b>	50	48	The standard of community planting remains high. The most effective planting was found outside the toilets on High Street, with good wall baskets and a lovely border along the top of the low wall at the front. There was further planting in baskets outside the library and Memorial Hall, as well as an attractive flowerbed in Dr Green's Garden.
✓	<b>Most innovative planting display</b> - Haxey BT Kiosk, Low Street	50	45	This was an imaginative idea and a good use of a redundant telephone kiosk. It was also a clever design to attach the red planting boxes on the outside of the box. However, the overall impact was less effective as the plants were not really established.
✓	<b>War Memorial</b> - Epworth Road, Low Street	50	48	This is an impressive memorial in a prominent position at Burrells Corner. The WW1 soldier at arms reversed, on top of a square plinth, is very clean, as is the fence around the site. There were no weeds in the gravel surrounding the memorial. There are plant basket holders in the fencing but the plants, although colourful, could have been more effective.
✓	<b>Public Building</b> - St Nicholas Church	50	47	This Grade I listed building occupies a prominent position at the top of Church Street. The border along the south side of the church has some very attractive planting, particularly the grasses. To the west of the main door, the gravel area was very weedy and there were a lot of weeds and brambles at the east end of the church.